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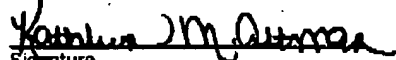
In re Application of: Erick J. Panken, et al.

For: Atrial Aware VII – A Method for Atrial Synchronous Ventricular (VDD/R) Pacing Using the Subcutaneous Electrode Array and a Standard Pacing Lead

Serial No.: 09/736,640

Filed: December 14, 2000

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872-9303, Art Unit 3742, Attn: Examiner Sang Y. Paik, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 29th day of September, 2003.


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☒ AMENDMENT

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for one-months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.


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☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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Applicant: Erik J. Panken, et al. Docket: P-7443.00

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Title: ATRIAL AWARE VVI – A METHOD FOR ATRIAL
SYNCHRONOUS VENTRICULAR (VDD/R) PACING USING THE
SUBCATANEOUS ELECTRODE ARRAY AND A STANDARD
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OFFICIAL**AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Paik:

This Amendment responds to the final Office Action mailed 29 July 2003, which Office Action set a shortened three-month statutory period for response that expires 29 October 2003. Pursuant to the Rule 8 certificate accompanying this Amendment, Applicants assert that the Amendment is timely filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office Action.

In the Office Action pending claims 1 through 14 stand rejected; specifically, claims 1 – 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and claims 6-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: